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1. On 18 December 1953, all VP employees who could be spared in Wittenberg and Bitterfeld were transferred to Berlin for unknown reasons.
2. During the night of 24/25 January 1954, the political school of the HVDVP moved from Weimar to Berlin. The school had a strength of about 400 officers. For its commitment in Berlin it received about 20 new trucks from Zwickau on 24 January 1954. The officers were armed with submachine guns and light machine guns which were issued on 24 January.
3. The Central School of the Border Police moved from Aschersleben to Oranienburg. Truck space required for this move had to be made available by other VP agencies. Only a guard detail remained in Aschersleben.
4. During the reported period, personnel of the prison in Leipzig who were good debaters and had undergone special political training were sent on 3 trucks to Berlin, where they were allegedly to be employed as propagandists.
5. On 23 January 1954, KVP double sentries armed with rifles and submachine guns were posted in front of state buildings and nationalized enterprises in Schwerin. This measure was allegedly taken as a precaution against possible demonstrations in connection with the Berlin Four-Power Conference.
6. About 9 a.m. on 23 January between Schkeuditz and Halle, 20 new busses proceeding toward Halle. The busses carried VP personnel who wore blue uniforms. VP units were concentrated in the vicinity of all major East German towns during the Four-Power Conference in Berlin.
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8. VP sentries who wore blue uniforms, on all road and railroad bridges in the Halle-Magdeburg area. the usual factory guards had been re-enforced by reliable SED members at all major industrial enterprises.

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